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SUBJECT: FY 1977 PL 480 TITLE I PROGRAM

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1. FOOD COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE HAS COMPLETED TESTING OF
US RICE SAMPLES AND REPORTS QUALITY OF NUMBER FOUR
(IDENTIFICATION 3/15) ACCEPTABLE WHILE NUMBER FIVE
(IDENTIFICATION 5/20) WAS TOO GLUTINOUS.

2. IN CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 10, FOOD COMMISSIONER (FC)
TOLD AID DIRECTOR AND EMBOFF THAT GSL CONSIDERING
INCLUSION OF RICE IN REQUEST FOR FY 1977, PL480,
TITLE I, PROGRAM. FC'S PRELIMINARY THINKING IS TO ASK
FOR INITIAL ALLOTMENT OF 5,000 TO 10,000 METRIC
TONS OF US NUMBER FOUR LONG GRAIN MILLED RICE FOR TRIAL
RUN IN FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM. IF QUALITY OF RICE
FOUND ACCEPTABLE BY CONSUMERS, GSL WOULD LIKE
ADDITIONAL ALLOTMENT TO BRING TOTAL TO 20,000 MT. FC
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SAID THAT RICE QUALITY PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE QUESTION

IN ELECTION YEAR AND POINTED OUT THAT IT IN NEITHER
GSL'S NOR USG'S INTEREST TO PUSH RICE NOT TO SRI
LANKAN TASTES.IF, HOWEVER, LOCAL CONSUMERS ACCEPT
US RICE, FC HAPPY TO TAKE 20,000 MT IN FY 77.

3. WHEN ASKED HOW MUCH WHEAT FLOUR GSL WAS PLANNING
TO REQUEST,FC WAS EVASIVE BUT INDICATED IT WOULD
PROBABLY BE MORE THAN THE 100,000 MT PROVIDED IN
FY 76 PROGRAM. HE SAID WHEAT FLOUR CONSUMPTION NOW
RUNNING ABOUT 45,000 MT PER MONTH,OR APPROXIMATELY
550,000 MT PER YEAR. FC JOKINGLY ASKED IF TOTAL
AMOUNT COULD BE SUPPLIED UNDER PL 480. ALTHOUGH
FC DETERMINES TOTAL AMOUNT OF FOB D GRAINS REQUIRED,
IT IS EXTERNAL RESOURCES DIVISION THAT ALLOCATES
BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND CONCESSIONAL IMPORTS. FC
MEETING WITH EXTERNAL RESOURCES AFTERNOON OF
SEPTEMBER 10 TO MAKE DECISION ON ABOUT OF PL 480
REQUEST. HE PROMISED TO TELEPHONE EMBASSY EARLY
NEXT WEEK TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR MORE CONCRETE DIS-
CUSSION OF SRI LANKA'S PL 480 NEEDS
ACTION: REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE SPOT AND FUTURE
PRICES FOR US NUMBER FOUR LONG GRAIN MILLED RICE FOR
EXPECTED DISCUSSIONS WITH FC AND EXTERNAL RRSOURCES
NEXT WEEK. ALSO, IF DEPARTMENT OR USDA HAVE CALCU-
LATED DISCOUNTED PRESENT VALUE OF US RICE UNDER PL
480 TERMS AND INTEREST,EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING THESE FIGURES (WITH PRICE AND INTEREST
ASSUMPTIONS) TO GIVE TO GSL. FC SAID HIS STAFF
WOULD UNDERTAKE SUCH CALCULATIONS (WHICH THEY
APPARENTLY HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE) BUT SO FAR HAVE
NOT DONE SO. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON HOW FC'S IDEA OF RICE
TRANCHES COULD BE HANDLED IN AGREEMENT. WOULD
AGREEMENT HAVE TO BE WRITTEN FOR SAY 10,000 MT
AND THEN BE AMENDED FOR ADDITIONAL 10,000 MT, OR
COULD TRANCHES BE BUILD INTO ORIGINAL AGREEMENT?
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